

1 provided on the office action as to whether or not the drawings are acceptable. This
2 information is respectfully requested.

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4 **IN THE SPECIFICATION**

5 Please amend the specification as indicated below, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121(b)(1).

6 A marked up version of each replacement paragraph is attached hereto as EXHIBIT "A", in
7 accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121(b)(iii).

8 In the "DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS", at
9 Page 4, line 19, delete the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 10 and ending on page 4, line
10 21 and replace it with the following:

11 Reinforcing ridge 10 simply and inexpensively joins unjoined edge 16 with unjoined edge 20
12 without the need of welding, screws, bolts or the like. An important resulting advantage from
13 reinforcing ridge 10 is that, as illustrated in FIGURE 1, an automatic joining device such as a
14 pneumatic gun shooting nails 24, for example, can be utilized without collapsing rigid material

15 12. FIGURE 1 shows nail 24 as having been shot through two sides, 23 and 25, of rigid
16 material 12. Obviously, the usual intended purpose is to join rigid material 12, as illustrated in
17 FIGURE 1, with another section of rigid material 12, not shown. Assuming the second section
18 of rigid material 12 also includes reinforcing ridge 10, the results are the same. That is, the
19 sides, 23 and 25, of rigid material 12 are reinforced by reinforcing ridge 10 so as to resist
20 collapse and enable use of an automatic joining device. Obviously the advantages of the
21 invention are not limited to the use of a nail gun but also easily accommodate other automatic
22 joining methods such as screws, for example.